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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN POSTAL DEBT

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 0039

(B) STATE 270937

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A RESPONSE FROM MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT ARROYO TO OUR LETTER OF DECEMBER 19. THE MINISTER LIMITED HIS RESPONSE TO ENCLOSING A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE POST OFFICE, RODOLFO LEON PAEZ. ACCORDING TO THE PAEZ LETTER TWO ACCOUNTS EXIST BETWEEN THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AND THE COSTA RICAN POST OFFICE. ONE IS CALLED UNITED STATES PAN AMERICAN AIRLINES AND THE OTHER IS CALLED UNITED STATES TRANSIT.

2. IN NOVEMBER 1974, THE GOCR ISSUED CHECKS FOR \$50,000 EACH. ONE WAS MADE TO THE ORDER OF THE ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE TRANSPORTATION OF AIRMAIL BY THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. THIS APPEARS TO BE THE CHECK REFERRED TO IN REFTEL (B) AND, ACCORDING TO MR. LEON, SHOULD BE CREDITED TO THE ACCOUNT CALLED UNITED STATES TRANSIT. THE OTHER CHECK WAS MADE OUT TO PAN AMERICAN WORLD AIRLINES, INC. TO PAY FOR MAIL TRANSPORT FROM COSTA RICA TO THE UNITED STATES, EUROPE, ASIA, AND THE CARIBBENA.

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3. THE EMBASSY PLANS TO SEND A NOTE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS REQUESTING PAYMENT OF THE REMAINDER OF THE OUTSTANDING POSTAL DEBT. EMBASSY IS NOT SURE, HOWEVER, IF \$50,000 PAID TO PAN AM IS COVERED IN LAST GLOBAL DEBT FIGURE PROVIDED BY DEPARTMENT OR IF THIS IS A SEPARATE ACCOUNT BETWEEN THE COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES AND PANAM.

4. ACTION REQUESTED. ACCORDINGLY, BEFORE SENDING NOTE, EMBASSY WOULD ALERECIATE CLARIFICATION THIS POINT AS WELL AS UP-TO-DATE STATEMENT OF BALANCE OF DEBT DUE TO THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE AND THE FIMES ON THE EXISTING ACCOUNTS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF COSTA RICA AND THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE.

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